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DAVID HATCHER CHILDRESS COMING TO NEXT UFO STUDY GROUP MEETING

By Ken Hanke

David Hatcher Childress, a real life "Indiana Jones", will address the April meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis on Sunday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Farm and Home Savings & Loan building at 110 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Groves, Missouri.

An explorer, entrepreneur and published author, David Hatcher Childress has successfully managed to integrate his passion for investigating ancient civilizations with his business "ADVENTURES UNLIMITED."

Childress was born in France and grew up in the mountains of Colorado and Montana. He did undergraduate work in archaeology at the University of Montana, with particular emphasis on the world's truly ancient cultures.

Childress performed his archaeological research in to the ancient ruins at Zimbabwe in southern Africa. While there, he took a break and pushed north into Uganda, where he had some rather exciting adventures as the first civilian allowed access to the headquarters of recently departed dictator, Idi Amin.

Childress began organizing trips for

those more adventuresome folks in 1976. His first trips to the Middle East, Central Asia and India resulted in the beginning of a series of four books on "Lost Cities and Ancient Mysteries". This search took him through mysterious tunnels leading to supernatural realms, forgotten cities in the Gobi Desert, hidden monasteries high in the Himalayas and more fantastic evidence regarding the technologically advanced Raman Empire of India.

The early eighties found David exploring the megalithic ruins on remote Pacific islands. Most recently, he has mounted several expeditions to South America which have yielded surprising results.

While there, his attention was turned to one of the most enduring of the mysteries on that continent: the disappearance of the Incas in the face of the invading Spanish Conquistadores in the late 1500's.

Between globe trotting adventures, Mr. Childress currently lives in the north central Illinois community of Stelle.

An extensive traveler, Mr. Childress has visited 85 countries pursuing his interest in ancient civilizations. A year ago, the UFO Study Group was privileged to hear David discuss the many links between lost, ancient civilization and the UFO phenomena as we understand it today. In particular, we heard the incredible facts of the ancient Rama Empire of India. After hearing him talk last year, everyone agreed that we wanted to hear more about his exciting adventures. Well, here's

your chance!

Some of the books Childress has authored are: Lost Cities of Africa and Arabia, Lost Cities of China, Central Asia and India, Lost Cities and Ancient Mysteries of South America, The Anti-Gravity Handbook, Anti-Gravity and the World Grid and Lost Cities of Ancient Lemuria and the Pacific

REP. TED HOUSE SPEAKS AT MARCH MEETING: UFO'S AND THE GOVERNMENT

By John Roppolo

Contrary to the belief of many people, the government does have an interest in UFO related phenomena. At the UFO Study Group's March meeting, the speaker was Missouri State Representative (from St. Charles County) Ted House. Mr. House delivered a lecture which outlined the involvement of government in past UFO incidents, and proposed certain measures for dealing with UFO's, space and extraterrestrial beings in the future.

The first obstacles which must be overcome in order to progress in UFO research, Mr. House stated, are related to sensationalism and cynicism. The far-fetched and fantastic accounts of UFO encounters need to be downplayed, since these only serve to discredit the more serious and objectively-based research. This leads, of course, to cynical attitudes on the part of many people - as in "all those UFO reports are too far out to be believed". Such persons will dismiss all UFO stories as being unbelievable or silly (an attitude which can be often seen in the news media). As students of UFO phenomena, it follows that we should make an attempt to critically evaluate all reports, and present all evidence in a serious and objective manner.

Mr. House spoke of UFO events over the past 5 decades and the role of governments and the military in these events. Special attention was given to the recent SETI proposals for investigating life by means of the scanning of microwave transmissions from outer space. Although this project has recently drawn fire from Senator William Proxmire, who sees the project as

being wasteful, it is one of the most concerted government efforts yet to establish contact with extraterrestrials. The project is scheduled to be implemented by NASA from 1992 to 1999.

In conclusion, Mr. House proposed the following measures in regard to UFO's and the use of space: 1) A concerted effort should be made to promote science studies in schools, to counteract a dwindling interest in science among young people. 2) Technical advances (such as the Hubbell Telescope) should be encouraged and promoted whenever possible. 3) The participation of the scientific community in UFO studies should also be encouraged. 4) Legislators should be encouraged to develop a coherent policy toward extraterrestrials. 5) Satellites and other space technology should be used as a tool to protect our environment. 6) Space technology should be discouraged for military purposes.

Mr. House's proposals were very well taken and it is very encouraging to know that our elected officials share many of our concerns for space and the future of our planet. We are very appreciative of his taking time to speak to the UFO Study Group.

MORE FROM 05/05/2000

By Frank Brown

Dr. Ian Graham of the Peabody Museum, Harvard University, surveyed more than 200 buildings and a dozen pyramids six times larger than those at Tikal in Guatemala. The ruins cover so many hundreds of square miles that mapping will have to be done by laser. The Doctor believes this is the first true city on the New World. It is one of the greatest concentrations of public architecture in the ancient world. The highway system radiated outward like a spider web from the pyramid reminding him (Ian Graham) of the highway system on the Pacific island of Malden. The highway system on Malden is composed of large blocks of basalt fitted together so precisely that grass will not grow between them. It runs across the island, crosses the beach and disappears under the waves of the Pacific. Fifteen hundred miles to

the south, the same type of road emerges from under the waves, crosses the beach and disappears into the jungle of Rarotonga island. This suggests that many Pacific islands are the remains of a presently submerged Pacific continent. 3,400 miles west of Malden island lies the island of Ponape. A vast ruined city called Metalanin (renamed Nan Madol around the turn of the century) is comprised of ninety walled artificial islands covering eleven square miles. The city was constructed of huge natural crystalline log like blocks of basalt. Man-made canals capable of passing a modern ocean liner divided the city. A colossal breakwater to protect the city was laid in the ocean, with a large sea gate for passing ships in and out. Stone walls were forty feet high and eighteen feet thick. Were they built to keep the people in or something huge, powerful and terrifying out? Artificial waterways, colossal breakwaters and sea gates unlike the primitive buildings one associates with the natives of the Pacific give evidence of the former powerful and well organized culture which vanished in the "Ring of Fire". J. MacMillan Brown, in his book The Riddle of the Pacific says:

"...The hauling up of these immense blocks, many of them from five to twenty-five tons in weight to such a height as sixty feet must have meant tens of thousands of organized laborers had to be housed, clothed and fed."

I looked in my atlas so I could see how far it was. Malden is located in the Line Islands. Rarotonga is in the Cook Island group and Ponape is in the Caroline Islands.

LIBRARY CORNER

By Peggy Roppolo

Due to conflicting schedules, illnesses and weather, work on the Library has been at a standstill for a while. We hope to resume work in April and be able to report progress once again.

However, I have done more work on the archives in the past few months. Just when I almost got caught up, Frank and Art are there with more material to work with. Frank has donated a file on the

1890 sightings! I'm so excited because they are actually articles from back then - not modern reports of old happenings.

Thanks to everyone who has donated paper and binders to our cause. Right now I am fine on paper, but I still need 3-ring binders. The request for binders will continue as long as there is material to file.

Speaking of which, I am in need of the use of a large copier. Since most of the articles I receive have been newsprint, it has been our policy to copy most of them so that they are easier to read. I am developing a slight backlog of articles that need to be copied. Most of these articles are from the Enquirer and the Star, so they are rather large and need to be reduced.

Anybody interested in copying for the Study Group should please let me know. Also, we have set up a meeting time and place for the Archive Committee to get together: the third Sunday of the month from 2:00 to about 4:30 p.m. It will be at our house: 2032 Santa Monica in St. Charles. Please come if you like to file! Call John or Peggy at 946-4095 for directions.

The library committee will be setting up a convenient time to work at the Palermo's in the not too distant future. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information on that meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST. CHARLES

By Jean Smith

On March 21, the St. Charles Research Committee of the UFO Study Group watched a video on a UFO sighting in Fife, Alabama. The video aired in February on the talk show "Inside Edition". In this sighting, Donna Saylor reported seeing a banana shaped flying object with bright lights in the Alabama sky. After being notified by Saylor, local police also saw a long shaped object over head. The police even chased after the flying object. The FAA and Air Force are reportedly investigating this case. Our thanks go to Frank Brown for bringing us this tape.

The St. Charles UFO Research Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month -

year round - at 7:30 p.m. at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne in St. Charles. The public is always welcome. Anyone interested in information on the next meeting (April 18) or for directions to the meeting are urged to call Bruce Widaman, the committee chairman, at 946-1394.

INTRODUCING BEN OBINA

By Ken Hanke

Every so often, as editor of The UFO Enigma, I get unsolicited letters and articles in the mail from people I may or may not have heard of. Frequently, these offerings are not suitable for publication. Occasionally, I receive interesting material which is not only suitable but truly interesting and worthy of your consideration. When I find such a piece, I always try to pass it along. The following is just one such article that I think you will find interesting and thought provoking.

Rather than my trying to introduce Ben Obina, I would like to share the cover letter that accompanied The Last Trumpet.

"Good-day. My name is Ben Obina. I am a member of CUFORN, (Canadian UFO Research Network). I felt a need to send you this letter because your magazine deals with a subject that I have a great interest in... UFO's.

"I believe that I have uncovered the 'mystery' as to why they are here. I have found the 'hidden' meaning behind their existence. UFOs are nothing to be ridiculed or ignored at. Anyone who is knowledgeable in this area surely knows that they should be taken quite seriously. For they will definitely play an important role in the future of mankind.

"I have had 2 contacts with them. Both experiences occurred when I was 5 years old and while I was asleep. As I reached 15, I was suddenly compelled and driven to read all material associated with UFOs ... and I did so for 5 years. When I was 20, I placed several classified ads in local newspapers requesting UFO information from the public. It was through this ad that I met my so called

'guardian'. Through several telephone conversations, he has revealed to me many startling facts about my 'definite' purpose, and about the future. He stated that my thoughts and actions are being closely watched and monitored. He explained that the purpose of my experience when I was 5 was that certain 'beings' inserted into my brain a 'microscopic' implant containing hundreds upon hundreds of bits of information. It is to be opened sometime in the near future.

"All information that I have gathered over the past 5 years has been cut down to a 3 page newsletter. I entitle it, The Last Trumpet. It is not my ambition to 'know' and inform people of the truth ... it is my destiny.

Yours truly, Ben Obina

THE LAST TRUMPET

By Ben Obina

"Live for tomorrow and not for today, for the sound of the last trumpet is slowly drawing near."

Let me tell you about myself. When I was 5 (I'm now 20), through a dream that I had, a dream that has been dwelling in my mind ever since ... I had what most people would consider an 'encounter'. In my dream I was in a bright white room lying on a table. I recall seeing 2 beings who were examining me. A device resembling a large microscope was directly over my head. I also remember it emitting a high pitched sound. I thought nothing of it until I reached 15 ... that's when I was suddenly compelled and driven to read books on UFOs, and I have done so ever since. Now, I have formed an overall picture of what 'they' are about and why they are here. To me it all makes sense. On three occasions I have spotted UFOs in the skies of Toronto. I also know that I have a 'definite purpose' in the future. That is the reason behind my experience when I was 5. All should 'accept' this purpose, or in the long run, most will surely regret not having done so.

I have found that all good UFO books contain similar material, you read one - you've read them all. I try to keep a low profile when touching on this subject with

others, already I have been referred to as a crackpot and also have been ridiculed. But I assure you people will definitely understand in time. I suggest that you read this letter with an open heart and mind.

Why are the UFOs here and do they exist? UFOs are definitely real and are here for a purpose. The occupants are the guardians of humanity. The occasional appearances of these 'cosmic missionaries' is living proof that we are not alone in the universe. Throughout time and history they have kept a watchful eye and have been always interested in the affairs of man. Sadly though, their existence has always been concealed, ignored and ridiculed. It is only just recently that they have been alarmed by the dangerous turn of events on earth.

* Countries have been governed by lies of which the truth is concealed.

* Shameful acts of violence are considered acts of heroism and bravery.

* We are not taking care of ourselves environmentally and spiritually.

* They are dissatisfied with contemporary social and economic injustices.

* Hate, selfishness and mismanagement amongst humanity.

* Religion has been twisted and turned into fanaticism.

* The testing and advancement of nuclear weapons.

As the guardians of mankind, they can only condemn our actions, but they realize that a wasted evolution and an inescapable cataclysm will be the final consequence of our "inhuman" behavior.

What does this all mean? As prophesied in the Bible, "On judgement day, Christ will descend from the heavens in a cloud with great power and glory, and will reveal himself to all the tribes of the earth." Luke 21:28. Also foreseen is the fateful course we are presently taking, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, the elements shall melt with a fervent heat, and the earth and also the works therein shall be burned up." Peter 3:10-14. In the Old Testament there are 30 references to Christ's first coming. In the New Testament there are 50 specific references to Christ's "second" coming. I also stress that the earth is not following a path towards complete annihilation, as in 'blowing itself to pieces'. Our planet will stay intact and

it will enter a new age, a transition for all that is left. The earth's destiny is predetermined ... it's unavoidable. You cannot change or alter fate.

I have read many versions of the catastrophic events leading up to judgement day and also what will actually happen on judgement day. Everything from a nuclear war, to an axis shift, to a mass suicide. Do we really know the truth? Only they know. Time is a factor, acceptance is the key.

In the near future, an important event that no human mind should be uninformed about will take place. It will come unexpectedly at a time of great need. There will be no need to ask why or how because all questions will be answered and all doubts will be laid to rest. Look forward to this event, and do not fear it, because soon all will awaken and realize that 'fiction' will become 'fact'.

Those who do not understand, do not want to know. The truth is disturbing and will make one feel skeptical, but if understood with an open mind it can and must be accepted. When the time comes, my purpose is to assist and to let the people know and understand. I am just one of the many thousands around the world who have been systematically chosen to slowly prepare the people and to gradually spread the message. We are all part of a worldwide program of psychological conditioning when and after this moment arrives.

There is one basic message that these beings are attempting to relay to all mankind. It is as follows:

"Space beings are the guardians of humanity. They are the messengers of the Ultimate Creator. Present task is to monitor the earth and assist in judgement day that will soon be upon humanity. They will be responsible for a mass lift off of Gods "true followers" and for the care of these people on another world while the earth is cleansed in a crucible of fire and destruction."

Traces of the beings basic message can be found in Bible passages relating to judgement day, despite the fact they are written in vague and symbolic terms. Notice how the people are to be "judged". Notice how the believers of God's word are to be "raised from the dead". Notice what is meant when the Bible mentions the "home of the saved". Is it purely coincidental that most contactees have similar thoughts

of permanent relocation and a different earth within the next 10 years? In reference to judgement day, the Bible often implies the work "rapture". The actual word is not found in the Bible because sometimes Christians have a tendency to toss out misunderstood words which have no meaning to Non-Christians. I suggest that you look up the word in the dictionary, you will be astonished at it's meaning and how it ties in with the beings basic message.

If you are shaking your head over this right now, please remember how many "impossible" you have said in your lifetime. Or how many "impossible" men throughout the ages have said to many things God has revealed through His spokesman. And yet they were possible, because nothing is impossible for God.

I could tell you how their ships travel through space; how they tie in with religion and the Bible; how they tie in with the destruction of previous civilizations that once flourished on earth; how they tie in with ancient mythology etc., etc. ... but I won't. I already revealed to you what one only needs to know - how they will influence the future. Those questions and others will be definitely answered very soon, highly likely within our own lifetime.

Whether this so called catastrophe is physical, natural or spiritual, I know two things for certain. An event of great importance to mankind will occur prior to judgement day. An event that will enlighten us about the nature of our existence.

An event that will signify that mankind is entering a new age, a transition ... perhaps the end.

"In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the last trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall all be changed." I Corinthians 15:52 NASB.

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Calendar

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